

## **MINUTES**

### **MONTANA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES 62nd LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION**

#### **JOINT APPROPRIATIONS SUBCOMMITTEE ON LONG-RANGE PLANNING**

**Call to Order:** Chair Walter McNutt, on January 12, 2011 at 8:02 AM, in Room 317B  
Capitol

#### **ROLL CALL**

**Members Present:**

Rep. Walter McNutt, Chair (R)  
Sen. Taylor Brown, Vice Chair (R)  
Rep. Rob Cook (R)  
Rep. Ron Ehli (R)  
Rep. Bill McChesney (D)  
Sen. Jon Sonju (R)  
Sen. Carol Williams (D)

**Members Excused:** Rep. Jon C. Sesso (D)

**Members Absent:** None

**Staff Present:** Catherine Duncan, Legislative Branch  
Mary Ann Mackay, Committee Secretary  
Christine Hultin-Brus, OBPP

**Audio Committees:** These minutes are in outline form only. They provide a list of participants and a record of official action taken by the committee. The link to the audio recording of the meeting is available on the Legislative Branch website.

**Committee Business Summary:**

Hearing & Date Posted: HB 15, 1/10/2011

00:00:40 Chairman McNutt  
00:01:15 Ms. Duncan, (LFD)  
00:01:56 Chairman McNutt

**HEARING ON HB 15**

**Opening Statement by Sponsor:**

00:02:02 Rep. Trudi Schmidt (D), HD 22, opened the hearing on HB 15, School facility  
grant program.  
00:05:54 Rep. Sesso arrived.

**Informational Testimony:**

00:07:42 Chairman McNutt  
00:07:48 Dan Villa, Office of Governor, Education Policy Advisor  
00:11:00 Chairman McNutt  
00:11:09 Dore Schwinden, Director, Department of Commerce (COM)  
00:16:51 Chairman McNutt  
00:16:57 Kelly Casillas, Administrator, Development Division, COM

**EXHIBIT(jlh09a01)**

00:20:28 Rep. Sesso left.  
00:23:24 Rep. Sesso returned.

**EXHIBIT(jlh09a02)**

**EXHIBIT(jlh09a03)**

**EXHIBIT(jlh09a04)**

00:47:03 Chairman McNutt  
00:47:12 Ms. Duncan

**EXHIBIT(jlh09a05)**

00:48:31 Sen. Brown left.  
00:52:16 Chairman McNutt  
00:52:41 Jim Standeart, Legislative Fiscal Division (LFD)

**EXHIBIT(jlh09a06)**

00:59:40 Chairman McNutt  
00:59:52 Ms. Duncan

**EXHIBIT(jlh09a07)**

01:01:46 Chairman McNutt

**Discussion:**

01:02:04 Rep. Sesso  
01:02:20 Ms. Duncan  
01:04:25 Sen. Sonju  
01:04:47 Mr. Standeart  
01:05:28 Sen. Sonju  
01:05:31 Mr. Standeart  
01:05:36 Rep. Cook  
01:05:49 Ms. Duncan  
01:06:20 Rep. Cook  
01:06:32 Ms. Duncan  
01:06:35 Mr. Standeart  
01:06:45 Chairman McNutt

**Applicants Testimony:**

01:07:30 Kevin Barsotti, Counselor and Federal Programs, Box Elder Schools

**EXHIBIT(jlh09a08)**

01:09:01 Chairman McNutt

01:09:10 Dr. Ann Minckler, Helena Flats Schools, Kalispell

01:11:31 Chairman McNutt

01:11:41 Clayton Dunlap, Superintendent of Schools, Winnett

**EXHIBIT(jlh09a09)**

01:15:15 Rep. McChesney left.

01:15:22 Chairman McNutt

01:15:29 Robert Heppner, Superintendent of Box Elder Public Schools

**EXHIBIT(jlh09a10)**

01:17:21 Chairman McNutt

01:17:34 June Sprout, Superintendent of Schools, Cascade

01:23:15 Chairman McNutt

01:23:26 Larry Parker, Superintendent of Frazer Public Schools

01:24:41 Sen. Williams left.

01:25:38 Chairman McNutt

01:25:47 Brian Patrick, Superintendent of Townsend Schools

01:26:55 Sen. Williams returned.

01:28:19 Chairman McNutt

01:28:33 Troy Henderson, Superintendent of Stanford Public Schools

**EXHIBIT(jlh09a11)**

01:30:05 Rep. Sesso left.

01:30:58 Chairman McNutt

01:31:10 Chad Fordyce, Geraldine School District

01:33:02 Chairman McNutt

01:33:14 Kevin St. John, Superintendent of Choteau Schools

01:36:41 Chairman McNutt

01:36:52 Nick Salmon, Education Facility Planner, CTA Architects, Missoula

01:42:48 Chairman McNutt

01:42:59 Jessie Luther, Montana Contractors Association, Helena

01:43:24 Chairman McNutt

01:43:35 Matt Warner, WTC Consulting Engineers, Helena

01:45:27 Chairman McNutt

01:45:35 Eric Burke, Montana Education Association, Montana Federation of Teachers  
(MEA, MFT)

01:47:17 Chairman McNutt

**Informational Testimony:**

01:48:00 Joan Anderson, Operations Assistant Superintendent, Office of Public Instruction  
(OPI)

01:48:06 Chairman McNutt

**Discussion:**

01:48:58 Ms. Duncan

01:50:58 Chairman McNutt  
01:51:31 Ms. Hultin-Brus  
01:51:41 Ms. Duncan  
01:52:06 Sen. Sonju left.  
01:52:54 Chairman McNutt

**Questions from the Committee:**

01:53:18 Rep. Cook  
01:53:27 Mr. Schwinden  
01:53:42 Chairman McNutt  
01:53:59 Chairman McNutt  
01:54:28 Sen. Williams  
01:54:46 Mr. Schwinden  
01:54:59 Sen. Williams  
01:55:13 Mr. Schwinden  
01:55:26 Sen. Williams  
01:55:39 Mr. Schwinden  
01:56:07 Sen. Williams  
01:56:14 Mr. Villa  
01:58:03 Chairman McNutt  
01:58:10 Sen. Williams  
01:58:17 Chairman McNutt  
01:58:24 Ms. Duncan  
01:58:50 Chairman McNutt  
01:59:01 Ms. Duncan

**EXHIBIT(jlh09a12)**

01:59:23 Chairman McNutt

**ADJOURNMENT**

01:59:50 Adjournment:

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Mary Ann Mackay, Secretary

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Additional Exhibit  
**[EXHIBIT\(jlh09a13\)](#)**

Additional Documents:

**[EXHIBIT\(jlh09aad.pdf\)](#)**